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For: INJECTABLE HYDROGEL MICROPSHERES

FROM AQUEOUS TWO-PHASE SYSTEM

RESPONSIVE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the office action of September 16, 2009.

Claim 1 is rejected as unpatentable over Ekman et al in view of Mosier,

Hatsuda and Cruise. Reconsideration is requested. The rejection is submitted to be blatantly defective.